



2021 Swim Meet Covid Protocol – Main Tank

Last update: October 22, 2021
Entrance: Main Entrance: everyone 18&O must present proof of vaccination.
Number of swimmers: We anticipate between 100 and 175 per session.
Number of Coaches: Between 12 and 15
Number of official: Around 20 officials
Number of volunteers: Around 6 volunteers

COVID protocols to mitigate risk:

- Spectators will be allowed in the South side of the stands. Spectators must follow social distancing
- Unfortunately, live streaming is not an option currently as per City of Winnipeg privacy policy.
- Mask will be mandatory for everyone at all times. Swimmers may remove their mask immediately before they position themselves at the blocks for their heat. Masks must meet the definition described in [PHO - Order 29 \(1\)](#).
- Marshalling the swimmers:
 - Two (2) rows of 8 chairs (representing 2 heats) set up socially distanced on the North side of the pool deck for the next 2 heats of swimmers.
 - Swimmers will be distanced, masked in the North side of the stands until they are marshalled to wait for their heats. They will come down the North stairs and file into the 2 rows of chairs.
 - Once swimmers have swum their heat, they must exit the pool from the finish end of their lane (except as described below), immediately put their mask on and proceed to exit the pool deck by proceeding along the South side of the pool to the south stairs and up to their respective club in the North stands.
 - Swimmers for the second and subsequent heats will only be marshalled to their start positions once ALL the swimmers from the previous heat have exited the water and are proceeding down the south side of the pool and the south stairs to the main tank spectator area.
- During the 25's:
 - Swimmers are to wear disposable masks to the blocks; bins will be available to discard them prior to going up on the blocks.
 - New masks will be provided for the swimmers when they exit the pool at the east end of the competition pool (after the 25). Swimmers are to remain social distanced while in the water as they move to exit to the side of the pool. Swimmers must immediately put on a mask once they have left the water from the masks provided at that point. Meet Management should ensure someone is monitoring exiting swimmers.
 - Pre-race clothing/footwear to be left in the marshaling area prior to going to the blocks (separate baskets away from the seating area)
 - All baskets are to be sprayed between heats
- Spectators, swimmers, and coaches will not be permitted to cheer but perhaps noise markers that do not require forced expiration could be permitted (i.e.: cowbells).



- **Additional protocols**

- Trash bin needed at the deep end (west end), so swimmers will be able to dispose their masks in a safe manner.
- Add a hand sanitizing station on top of the North stairs before the swimmer comes to the pool deck in the marshaling area
- No use of backstroke ledges as they will be cumbersome to disinfect in between swimmers.
- Starting blocks must be disinfected in between swimmers as well; using bucket filled with pool water.
- Disinfecting wipes made available to everyone on deck
- Plan for some volunteers that will act as “COVID COPS” to make sure the swimmers follow the rules and keep their distance of 2m.
- Officials have a Best Practice document that was build based on Swimming Canada Best Practice and available on our website.